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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Fig. 1 was objected to. Attached in Appendix A is a revised drawing with proposed drawing correction for the Examiner's consideration.

Claim 1 was rejection under Section 112 for providing insufficient antecedent basis. Claim 1 has now been canceled to facilitate the prosecution of this application.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by Sanders. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 1-5 have been canceled to facilitate the prosecution of this application.

To summarize the present invention, an important feature is the requirement for the absent of the bounce back signal before an alarm signal is triggered. In other words, it is not sufficient to merely detect a lowering of the current signal to the electronic equipment. Both the lower current signal and no receipt of the bounce back signal are required so that the alarm signal is not triggered just because there is a power outage.

The Sanders patent merely describes an apparatus that detects theft by sensing a lowering of the current of computers connected to the apparatus. The reference fails to teach or suggest the use of a bounce back signal.

It is submitted that the amended claim 6 is allowable over the Sanders patent. The amended claim 6 now specifies the step of sending a check signal to the sender unit when the current sensed by the first current recognizing unit is below the predetermined value. The sender unit receives this check signal and generates a bounce back signal to the electronic equipment. The alarm signal is only generated when both the lowered current signal and the absence of the return of the bounce back signal are detected.

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In the drawings:

Proposed drawing corrections of Fig. 1 are shown in
Appendix A.

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Applicant fails to see why a person of ordinary skill in the art would look to Sanders and the other cited references when none of the cited references teaches these features. It is submitted that it would not be obvious to
5 modify the cited reference to include the features of the amended claim 6 since the reference to teach or suggest such modification.

Claim 6 is therefore submitted to be in condition for allowance.

10 Claims 7-10 are submitted to be allowable because they depend upon the allowable base claim 6 and because the claims include limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

The new independent claim 11 is submitted to be
15 allowable for the same reasons as the reasons put forth for the allowability of the amended claim 6. The new claim 11 requires the use of the bounce back signal and the sender unit does not trigger the alarm signal until both the low current is detected and the bounce back signal is not
20 returned to the sender unit.

Claim 12 is submitted to be allowable because it depends upon the allowable base claim 11 and because the claim includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

25 The added new claims include no new matter.

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The application is submitted to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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